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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

8 Case # 3:19-cv-00057

9 Joseph Lucero,

10 Plaintiff(s),

11 vs.

12 Nancy A. Berryhill, Commissioner of Social  
13 Security

14 Defendant(s).

VERIFIED PETITION FOR  
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE  
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY  
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED  
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT  
AND DESIGNATION OF  
LOCAL COUNSEL

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

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16 Erik W. Berger, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:  
17 (name of petitioner)

18 1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Osterhout Berger Disability Law, LLC

19 (firm name)

20 with offices at 3744 Dupont Station Court South

(street address)

21 Jacksonville

22 (city)

Florida

(state)

32217

(zip code)

23 412-794-8003

(area code + telephone number)

Erik@mydisabilityattorney.com

(Email address)

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25 2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

26 Joseph Lucero

[client(s)]

to provide legal representation in connection with

27 the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.  
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3. That since December 19, 1997, Petitioner has been and presently is a  
(date)  
member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of Florida  
(state)  
where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or  
from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular  
possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying  
the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
Middle District of Florida	June 26, 1998	130478
Southern District of Florida	August 17, 2001	130478
Northern District of Florida	December 19, 1997	130478
Western District of Pennsylvania	December 12, 1996	78141

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner, nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

**None.**

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None.

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

None

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 10-2 during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
10/25/18	Kiphaat v. Commissioner	USDC - NV	Granted

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court  
2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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4 STATE OF Florida }  
5 COUNTY OF Duval }

[Signature]  
Petitioner's signature

7 Erik W. Berger, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:  
8 That the foregoing statements are true.

[Signature]  
Petitioner's signature

10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019.

13 [Signature]  
Notary Public or Clerk of Court

14 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
NOTARIAL SEAL  
Lori A. Nypaver, Notary Public  
Oakmont Boro, Allegheny County  
My Commission Expires March 2, 2021  
16 MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

17 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO  
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner  
19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Hal Taylor, Esq.,  
20 (name of local counsel)  
21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the  
22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of  
said designated Nevada counsel is:

23 223 Marsh Avenue  
(street address)

24 Reno  
(city)

Nevada  
(state)

90509  
(zip code)

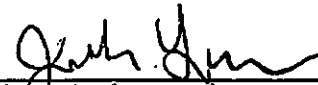
25 775-825-2223  
(area code + telephone number)

haltaylorlawyer@gbis.com  
(Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes  
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations  
3 binding on all of us.  
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Hal Taylor, Esq. as  
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.  
9 (name of local counsel)

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11 (party's signature)

12 Joseph Lucero

13 (type or print party name, title)

14 (party's signature)

15 (type or print party name, title)

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17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

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20 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

21 4399

Bar number

haltaylorlawyer@gbis.com

Email address

22 APPROVED:

23 DATED this 13th day of February, 2019.

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26 LARRY R. HICKS

27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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# Supreme Court of Florida

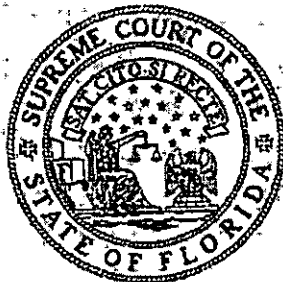
## Certificate of Good Standing

*I JOHN A. TOMASINO, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, do  
hereby certify that*

**ERIK WILLIAM BERGER**

*was admitted as an attorney and counselor entitled to practice law in all the  
Courts of the State of Florida on December 19, 1997, is presently in good  
standing, and that the private and professional character of the attorney  
appear to be good.*

*WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the  
Supreme Court of Florida at Tallahassee,  
the Capital, this November 13, 2018.*



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. Tomasino", is written over a horizontal line.

*Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida.*